

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Tina Sokolowski, Council President
Kathleen Kingsley, Council Vice-President
David Bria, Council Member
Alan Chmielewski, Council Member
Stacy Ellam, Council Member
Ralph Frey, Council Member
Adrian Serna, Council Member
Yaniv Aronson, Mayor

ALSO PRESENT: Stephanie Cecco, Borough Manager
Michael E. Peters, Borough Solicitor

CALL TO ORDER

The Public Meeting of the Conshohocken Borough Council duly advertised, was held at the Conshohocken Borough Hall, 400 Fayette Street, Conshohocken, PA. Ms. Sokolowski called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Sokolowski stated that Borough Administration did not receive any public comments following the February 18th public meeting or regarding the March 4th public meeting agenda.

PRESENTATIONS

a.) Department of Recreation Services Update, Lauren Irizarry, Director of Recreation Services

Lauren Irizarry, Director of Recreation Services, introduced members of the Recreation Services Department and highlighted their roles and contributions. She outlined several accomplishments from 2025, including expanded programming, the launch of a resident casino trip, partnerships with the Conshohocken Art League and Skyhawks Sports Academy. She discussed the success of the summer camp program and Kids Care after-school. She discussed goals for 2026, which include expanding senior and teen programming, adding a weekly movie program, and introducing a teen sports sampler. She also reviewed planned improvements, including field lighting upgrades, new pavilions, and updated recreation management software. Ms. Irizarry noted that since 2019, recreation participation and revenue have increased significantly, with revenue rising by approximately 107%. She added that many programs and events reach capacity quickly, demonstrating strong community demand. She also noted that current facility space limits the department's ability to further expand programming. Council members discussed field usage and potential improvements, and both Council and the administration commended the department for its growth and positive impact on the community.

b.) Borough Hall Rain Garden Project, Bob Molony, EAC

Bob Molony, member of the EAC, provided an update on a project to revitalize the Borough Hall rain garden through a three-year volunteer initiative. He discussed the scope of the project which includes preparing the site, planting native species, and monitoring the garden. He reviewed the cost estimate for plantings of approximately \$870 to \$1,600. He also shared that the project received a grant from Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve to provide 100 native plants. He outlined a timeline for the project, with planting anticipated in May.

LAND USE MATTERS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

There were no land use matters, public hearings and ordinances.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

There was no Council business.

MANAGER MATTERS

a.) Consider authorizing advertisement of the 2023 CDBG Curb Ramp Installation - Phase 2 project

Ms. Cecco shared that the project includes four (4) curb ramps at Sutcliffe Lane and Colwell Lane.

Mr. Bria made a motion to authorize advertisement of the 2023 CDBG Curb Ramp Installation - Phase 2 project, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

b.) Consider awarding a bid for the Second Avenue Veterans Memorial Plaza Project

Ms. Cecco confirmed that this project is an approved FY 2026 capital item and the contract amount is \$1,648,736.50 and the lowest bidder has complied with the requirements of the Borough's Responsible Contractor Ordinance.

Mr. Chmielewski made a motion to award a bid for the 2nd Avenue Veterans Memorial Plaza Project to NJS Concrete, LLC in the amount of \$1,648,736.50 for all items under the base bid, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

- c.) **Consider approving 203 East Twelfth Avenue financial security escrow release no. 3 (final) in the amount of \$29,586.31**

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve 203 East 12th Avenue financial security escrow release no. 3 (final) in the amount of \$29,586.31, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

- d.) **Consider approving addendums to Investment Policy Statements for Borough Police and Fire Pension Plans and OPEB Trust**

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve addendums to the Investment policy statements for the Borough Police and Fire Pension Plans and OPEB Trust, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

- e.) **Discussion on proposals received for the Community Center Kitchen Renovation project**

Ms. Cecco shared that the Borough Council approved an FY2026 capital project to renovate the Community Center kitchen. She outlined the project's scope of work and provided the cost estimate. She reviewed the four (4) bids received through the RFP process and recommended awarding the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Dellose Construction Services, in the amount of \$42,700 at the March Voting Meeting.

DEPARTMENT MATTERS

There were no department matters.

LEGAL MATTERS

- a.) **Consider approving Resolution 2026-01 authorizing the purchase/transfer of ownership of the property located at 1105 Fayette Street (Parcel #05-00-03384-00-4)**

Ms. Cecco explained that the resolution authorizes the execution of an agreement of sale for the property located at 1105 Fayette Street in the amount of \$615,000. She noted that a supplemental appropriation to the FY2026 Capital Fund budget would be presented for Council's consideration at the March Voting Meeting to finalize the acquisition and transfer of ownership.

Mr. Frey made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-01 authorizing the purchase/transfer of ownership of the property located at 1105 Fayette Street (Parcel #05-00-03384-00-4) and subsequent agreement of sale, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

COUNCIL MEMBER AND MAYOR MATTERS

- a.) **2025 Sewer Authority Annual Report & 2026 Outlook, President Sokolowski**

Ms. Sokolowski presented the Sewer Authority's 2025 report and 2026 outlook. She shared information about when and where meetings are held and provided information about the administrative staff. She reported that in 2025 the Authority maintained full regulatory compliance with zero violations, improved treatment efficiency, reduced chemical use, and experienced no equipment failures or odor complaints. She also provided an overview of key projects, which included securing a \$1.4 million grant for electrical substation upgrades, initiating a biosolids disposal study, and completing the first stormwater infrastructure repair under the Authority's new stormwater responsibilities. Ms. Sokolowski discussed the Authority's financials. She reported \$4.8 million in revenue and \$5.1 million in expenses, with the year ending in an \$81,000 surplus after a transfer from connection fee reserves. She outlined priorities for 2026, which include completing infrastructure upgrades, expanding stormwater management planning, and continuing efforts to improve operational efficiency and control costs.

Mayor Aronson shared that he attended a local Cub Scout meeting to discuss citizenship. He also reminded residents of the Conshy Classic 5k and St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 14th. He highlighted local nonprofit, Beats for Bella, aimed at increasing awareness for congenital heart defects.

Mr. Fry shared a constituent's letter praising the Public Services Department for maintaining trash and recycling services despite the inclement weather.

Mr. Bria noted he would be absent for the March Voting Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary